GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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STUDY ON GRAIN HANDLERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute for Occupational Health has completed a study on grain handlers;

(b) if so, the details of the findings; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c): The National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad has conducted a study entitled `Occupational Health Hazards of grain handling workers in West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh`.The main objective of the study is to assess the health status of the grain handling workers by clinical examination and to evaluate their pulmonary function and also to assess the workload during the grain handling work. A draft report has been prepared and is being placed before Scientific Working Committee of National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad (ICMR).The action taken by the Government depends upon the recommendations made by the Committee. and the Indian Council of Medical Research.